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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 14099 ACTION SECSTATE AUG 24

QUOTE S E C R E T AMEMBASSY LONDON 14099

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM SF UK US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

REF: (A) LONDON 14089, (B) STATE 200248 (TOSEC 090072)

1. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUGUST 24, FCO
ACTING PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY DUFF SAID THAT IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL TO HAVE TEXT OF COMMUNICATION TO UR ON
POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM TO WHICH CHARGE
HAD REFERRED AUGUST 23 (PARA 2(G) OF REFTEL B) FOR
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BACKGROUND USE IN PREPARING UK POSITION FOR FURTHER
UK-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER.

2. DUFF ALSO SAID THAT, PURSUANT TO OUR REQUEST, FCO
HAD BEGUN CONSIDERATION AUGUST 24 OF NEXT STEPS. HE
SAID THAT THE JOB OF EXAMINING ALTERNATIVES WAS TURNING
OUT TO BE TOUGHER THAN HAD SEEMED LIKELY AT FIRST, IN

VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES. THE FCO
IS ANXIOUS TO LET US HAVE ITS VIEWS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
AN INDICATION OF THE URGENCY INVOLVED. FCO WILL
ENDEAVOR, HE UNDERLINED, TO MEET ANY DEADLINE WE MAY
HAVE IN MIND. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE UK FEELS A SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER, BECAUSE OF THE UK'S ROLE
AS NPT DEPOSITORY STATE. STREATOR. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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